

## **SHPO QUARTERLY REPORTS**

### **State Historic Preservation Office Idaho State Historical Society Quarterly Report April-May-June 2005**

#### **NATIONAL REGISTER**

- Because of the small number of National Register nominations, the Review Board meeting was conducted via post. Tricia processed the nominations, sent them to the Review Board and responded to their comments and ballots. The Review Board approved the three nominations submitted to them: the Moscow Downtown Historic District, Latah County; the Lockman House, Canyon County; and the Toana Road Historic District, Twin Falls County. The first two have been forwarded to the NPS, the third has been forwarded to the BLM (because they are a federal agency and a major land owner in within the district) for their signature and forwarding to the NPS.

#### **SURVEY AND INVENTORY**

- As a result of cultural resource reports submitted, 5875 acres surveyed at the intensive level and 2400 acres at the reconnaissance level have been added to the state inventory. During this quarter, a total of 247 archaeological sites were added to the state inventory and 277 sites were updated.
- Accessions to the Idaho Historic Sites Inventory (IHSI) during the fourth quarter of the State fiscal year 2005 total 177 properties, most of them bridges. As planned, the Historic Sites Registrar finish accessioning the concrete bridges inventoried during the statewide project mentioned in previous reports. For this quarter, the accessions represent an area surveyed of approximately 197 acres (intensive survey). There were 956 black and white photographs accessioned and prepared for archival storage. A single Section 106-related project yielded 653 of the photographs. In addition, 137 color slides accompanying the bridge inventory forms were accessioned. There is still A sizeable backlog remains of property and survey accessions from both CLG- and Section 106-related projects.
- The project of appending (transferring) the historic sites data from the original to the upgraded template was completed this quarter.
- Finally, the Historic Sites Registrar edited several National Register of Historic Places nominations for content and errors prior to submission to the Historic Sites

Review Board for review. The nominations were again edited prior to submission to the Keeper of the Register for possible listing.

## **CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENTS**

- Staff visited the following communities and projects: Hailey and Kuna in May, and Meridian, Lewiston, Wallace, Hayden and Hayden Lake, Idaho County, the old Jail and Masonic Hall in Rathdrum, Pleasant View School and the Community Building Partners Old Church in Post Falls, and Latah County and Moscow in June.
- Staff sat on the awards committees for the Governor's Take Pride in Idaho awards, Preservation Idaho's Orchids and Onions awards, and the American Association for State and Local History awards.

## **PLANNING**

- Suzi attended a meeting at Castle Rocks State Park that was the first in several meetings to develop a Master Plan for the State's newest park.
- Ken and Glenda began working on a data-sharing agreement with the new Nez Perce Tribal Historic Preservation Office.

## **REVIEW AND COMPLIANCE**

- [Mary Anne met with Payette NF and USFS Regional staff on April 7 to review grazing permit renewal program on the forest and how the forest is managing historic properties located on the permits.](#)
- [Mary Anne and Tricia met with USFS personnel and owner of Redfish Lodge on June 14 to review projects completed prior to consultation with Section 106.](#)
- For the period April, May, and June, Travis completed reviews for 32 ITD projects, 20 COE projects, 20 Cell Tower projects, and 30 ID Dept. of Lands projects (102 total).
- In April, Ken, Glenda, Suzi, and Mary Anne attended an annual meeting with the Bureau of Land Management state director and key staff members involved with cultural resources. Some of the items discussed included the BLM State Protocol for their cultural resource program, data sharing, archaeological collections management, BLM professional staffing, public outreach, and education.

- Under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, a total of 248 projects were reviewed and entered into the database this quarter. As part of the review process, 82 properties were evaluated as eligible and 116 properties as not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.
- Suzi and Ken attended meetings at Idaho Power regarding Section 106 Review of the Hells Canyon Complex relicensing.
- In early May, Suzi met with National Park Service personnel to discuss activities at Idaho NPS units.
- Suzi and Don met with representatives from DOE and Battelle again to talk about appropriate mitigation for the demolition of all of the facilities at the INL, including several that are nationally significant.
- In June, Suzi and Travis traveled to Coeur d'Alene to observe the National Park Service's ground penetrating radar project at Old Mission State Park at Cataldo. The radar was used to identify graves in the areas where the new visitors' center and access will be constructed. No obvious graves were identified.
- Ken spent April 29-30 in Hells Canyon familiarizing new staff at the Wallowa-Whitman NF and Idaho Power Co. with results of the FERC relicensing survey completed between 1998-2000.
- Ken completed a timber sale survey at Heyburn State Park and inspected the proposed construction sites at the Cataldo Mission. He then coordinated with to National Park Service have a remote sensing survey done by a team from Midwest Archaeological Center in Lincoln.
- Travis continued working on BLM data sharing projects, checking digital data against what we have recorded for linear sites, i.e. historic roads/routes, wagon trails (other than Oregon Trail), for accuracy, and adding additional attribute information to the associated tables.
- Ken made presentations in Moscow and Julietta for Idaho Archaeology Month in May.
- Ken conferred with Sue Miller of Idaho Falls over the data recovery excavations of emigrant burials at Blackfoot Reservoir. Further work was suspended following discovery of juvenile human remains and a possibly associated shell bead.
- Ken conferred with NPS staff in Seattle, IDPR staff at Castle Rocks, field school faculty at ISU for the upcoming field investigations at Castle Rock.

## **EDUCATION and OUTREACH**

- Tricia gave the “Idaho’s Weird and Wacky” slide program to approximately 20 people in Notus during Idaho Archeology and Historic Preservation Month.
- Tricia gave a workshop on “How to Research your Historic Home,” sponsored by Boise’s North End Neighborhood Association, as part of Preservation Month activities.
- Tricia and Suzi served as judges at the History Day competition in Caldwell.
- Suzi and Tricia attended the training “Principles in Preservation” at Fort Warden State Park in Washington State. Fort Warden is a turn-of-the-century defensive site located at the mouth of the Puget Sound. The training is sponsored by Washington State Parks, the National Park Service, the Washington SHPO, and the University of Oregon. Its target audience is Washington state parks employees. The Idaho SHPO hopes to use the training as a model for similar education in Idaho State Parks employees and others responsible for historic properties.
- As part of Historic Preservation Month, Suzi gave a presentation on Idaho’s first archaeological excavation at Schellbach Cave, Cave #1, on the Snake River south of Boise.
- Suzi attended the Pacific Northwest Preservation Field School meeting in Portland in May. This year’s field school will be held at Honeyman State Park in Oregon. Next year (2006), the field school will be held at North Cascades National Park in Washington.
- In May, Suzi attended the Preservation Idaho’s Orchids and Onions Award ceremony at the historic Caldwell depot. Several deserving recipients were in attendance. Suzi accepted the National Parks Service’s Preservation Team award for their work on the Mackay mining tram towers, Cataldo Mission, and other historic structures in Idaho.
- In June, Suzi traveled to Mackay to tour, with a local enthusiast and agency personnel, the mining properties that the NPS team has been working on and two Forest Service cabins that may be on the team’s work schedule during 2006-2007. From there, she traveled with NPS to the Minidoka National Monument to tour preservation work there, and to Silver City to discuss the Schoolhouse project with the contractor.
- Suzi and Larry attended the commemoration of the death of Jean Baptiste Charbonneau in Jordan Valley.

- Ken enjoyed a cold, wet week in June on the Middle Fork with the professional guides educational tour. Enthusiasm for this program continues to grow among both river and now the hunting and fishing guides.
- Ken was contacted by a descendent of Bugler Bernard Brooks (1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry) who was killed in action by opne of Looking Glass's warriors and buried on (now private) land near Camas Meadows, Idaho in 1877. The descendent was concerned about a local initiative to remove his great-great uncle's remains to the Veterans Cemetery in Boise. Inquiries to the county and the cemetery revealed that the scheme had already been foiled. We invited the descendent to come out to the site where his ancestor fell during next summer's proposed fieldwork.
- [Mary Anne met every two weeks with State BLM personnel to revamp the Discovering Idaho-Project Archaeology format after meeting with national Project Archaeology personnel in March.](#)
- [Idaho Archaeology and Historic Preservation Month was a huge success.](#)

## ARCHAEOLOGICAL SURVEY

- Ken met with Donna Hartman and Ken Swanson to review the final draft of the Trustys Dorm feasibility study.

Respectfully submitted by,

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Helped with Idaho History Day in April.